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For: PROBES FOR A GAS PHASE ION SPECTROMETER

☒ [ X ] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:

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the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

☐ [ ] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ [ ] continuation ☐ [ ] continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- ☒ [ X ] Title Page  
☒ [ X ] 44 page(s) of specification  
☒ [ X ] 10 page(s) of claims  
☒ [ X ] 1 page of Abstract  
☒ [ X ] 4 sheet(s) of ☐ [ ] formal ☒ [ X ] informal drawing(s).  
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